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Newsbrief

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) approved a total of nine projects involving an overall estimated cost of Taka 11,851.29 crore. The approval came from the 11th ECNEC meeting of the current fiscal year (FY25) with ECNEC Chairperson and Chief Adviser Professor Dr Muhammad Yunus in the chair held at the NEC Conference Room in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area yesterday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus reiterated his position on the next election, stressing that the government will hold the polls between December of this year and June 2026. Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam told reporters in front of the State Guest House Jamuna last night after the Chief Adviser held meetings with three major political parties. The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary also said, the Chief Adviser conveyed the same to BNP when its leaders met the Chief Adviser at his residence.

The Council of Advisers said, if the government's usual activities are hindered making performing its responsibilities impossible, it will take necessary decisions involving the country's people yesterday. The Chief Adviser's Press Wing said this in a statement after a meeting of the Council of Advisers. An unscheduled meeting of the Council of Advisers was held after the weekly meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC). The meeting was held at the Planning Commission at the Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area in the capital.

Planning Adviser Wahiduddin Mahmud said, Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus did not say he will resign. The Adviser told this to reporters after an unscheduled meeting of the Advisers following the weekly ECNEC at NEC conference room at Agargaon yesterday. The Chief Adviser and all members of the Advisory Council attended the meeting.

Adviser to the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain said, they would set an example of honesty, trustworthiness and good governance. The Adviser expressed his determination in a post on his verified Facebook page yesterday. The Adviser also said that his ministry has been directed to fully cooperate with the ACC during the investigation process.

Private airlines in Bangladesh stressed on bringing reforms of the decades-old Civil Aviation Rules (CAR) 1984 on an urgent basis, urging the government to draft a modern aviation policy that includes mechanisms for voicing sectorial concerns and driving improvements. The appeal came at a high-level stakeholders' meeting titled 'Policy Planning for the Development of the Private Airlines Sector', at the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism at the Secretariat yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Special Assistant on Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges Sheik Moinuddin stressed the need for bringing everything from construction to management of roads and bridges under one umbrella. He also emphasized that enhanced coordination and collaborative efforts should be taken for advancing this sector. The Chief Adviser's Special Assistant made the remarks while addressing a national dialogue on taking sustainable initiatives for establishing order in the road transport sector and adequate budget for road safety programmes organized by the Road Safety Foundation at the BRTA headquarters in the capital yesterday.

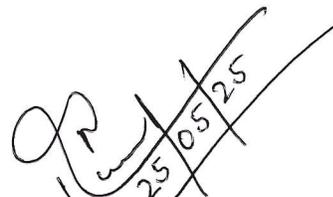
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The UK's serious and organised crime agency has frozen almost £90 million of luxury London property belonging to two men linked to the deposed ruler of Bangladesh, The Guardian reports on May 23. In a development that comes after mounting pressure on the UK to assist Bangladesh in tracing assets linked to the former regime, the National Crime Agency (NCA) obtained nine freezing orders, official records show. The orders prevent Ahmed Shayan Rahman and his cousin, Ahmed Shahryar Rahman, from selling property, including apartments in London's Grosvenor Square. The pair were named in a Guardian investigation into UK assets owned by allies of Bangladesh's former autocratic ruler, Sheikh Hasina, according to The Guardian.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) welcomed the first step taken by the United Kingdom's National Crime Agency (NCA) against close associates and beneficiaries of Bangladesh's fallen authoritarian regime in relation to money laundering and illicit wealth. TIB hoped that this move- freezing luxury wealth worth nearly 90 million pounds - will pave the way for stronger mutual legal assistance between the UK and Bangladesh, accelerating investigations and facilitating the swift recovery of laundered wealth, said a TIB press release issued yesterday.



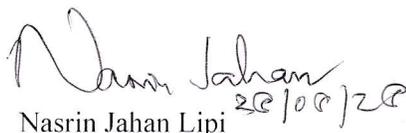
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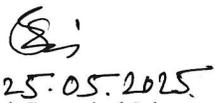
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